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Court offers online payment

The 53rd District Court is now accepting credit card payments via the Internet for traffic citations and criminal fines.

Court customers are now able to use their credit cards by calling Government Payment Service toll-free at (888) 561-7888, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or by using the GPS Web site at www.governmentpayment.com.

The Livingston County District Court's Web site also will have a link to the GPS service. The service began Saturday.

This service is provided free of charge to the court. However, consumers will pay a fee for the service through their credit card.

Mary Ellen Nygren, District Court administrator, said this will make it more convenient for the consumer to transact the business, which will result in more timely payments and increased revenue to the county.

"Clients won't have to wait until the court opens to pay their fines or drive to the courthouse to do so," Nygren said.

GPS is an Indianapolis-based company that contracts with more than 1,000 agencies nationwide as a third-party credit card processor for consumer payments to government agencies. In 2005, GPS processed more than \$47 million in transactions to government agencies.

"Using GPS is an excellent opportunity for the 53rd District Court to be at the forefront in offering consumers a convenient, flexible way to pay their fines," Nygren said.

Visit Livingston County District Court at www.co.livingston.mi.us/DistrictCourt/. The Government Payment Service is at www.governmentpayment.com.
